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SOCIETY

A BEAUTIFUL reception was given in Rothwell Gymnasium last night by the Board of Curators. The gymnasium was decorated in American flags and thousands of pennants hung from the ceiling and walls. A St. Louis orchestra supplied the music from a pavilion in the center of the room. Refreshments were served in the basement, which had been decorated in flags and Japanese lanterns. After 11 dancing began and lasted till 2. Besides the Board of Curators there were in the receiving line Gov. Folk, Former Gov. Francis, President and Mrs. Hill, President Schurman of Cornell, Chancellor Kirkland of Vanderbilt, President McLean of Iowa, and Dr. and Mrs. Jesse.

THE wives of the professors of the Bible College of Missouri, Mrs. W. J. Lhamon, Mrs. C. M. Sharpe and Mrs. G. D. Edwards, gave a reception in honor of the Rev. E. B. Widger of Jefferson City last evening at the home of Mrs. Lhamon. Many students were present to meet this minister, whose specialty in the ministry is to build and rebuild churches. He is an architect and superintends the work.

Mrs. Joseph Douglass gave a reception at her home, at the corner of Hitt and Lowry streets last evening for Miss Mildred Lewis. The guests present were: Miss Carey Mountjoy, Mrs. S. C. Hunt, Mrs. James McAlester, Miss Estelle Anderson. Dinner was served. After each course each of the guests gave Miss Lewis a present. She is to be married during the holidays. The house was darkened and red candles were used, the entire color scheme being red. The place cards were miniature Christmas trees.

The Kappa Sigma fraternity will give an informal dance this evening at their house on College avenue.

The Theta Nu Epsilon gave a formal dance and dinner party at Entertainment Hall Wednesday evening.

The Junior and Senior Engineers will give a dance in the corridors of Academic Hall next Friday.

The Sigma Nu fraternity gave an informal dance Thursday evening at its house on Hitt street.

A very pleasant dinner party was given last evening at Read Hall by Miss Mae Corwin. The guests were Superintendent C. A. Hawkins, of the Maryville public schools, Miss Inez Bainum, of Maryville, Fred Wolfers and Edward Williams of Maryville, and Miss Barbara Hart of Springfield.

**WRIGHT ASKS MORE
MONEY FOR MILITIA****Secretary Says 350,000 Men
Would Be Needed in
Event of War.**

TOTAL ESTIMATES \$189,755,039

**Increase Shown in the Actual
Strength of Army—
Desertions Less.**

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The total estimates of the War Department for the next fiscal year, as shown by the annual report of the Secretary of War, to the President yesterday amount to \$189,755,039, an increase of about \$52,000,000 over the appropriations for the present fiscal year. This increase is largely for river and harbor work, and other public works of a civil character, for which purpose about \$24,000,000 is asked. Of the balance, about \$10,500,000 is an additional estimate for the support of the army, Military Academy, and the militia. For military public works, such as fortifications, arsenals, military posts, etc., the estimates call for an increase of \$17,800,000. Secretary Wright specially recommends an addition of 612 officers to the army, and also approves a policy for the elimination from the service of all officers who fail to maintain the requisite standard of efficiency. Both of these propositions were before Congress at its last session and will be strongly urged this year.

The Secretary states that the result of careful study in the War Department shows that in the event of war with any first-class power we would need at least 350,000 men for a first line of defense, and that as the regular army is limited to 100,000 men, it would be necessary to draw 250,000 men from the organized militia. He suggests that it might be well for the general government to stimulate this result by increasing the annual appropriations for the equipment of the militia and for general maneuvers of the militia with the regular army.

Need of More Officers.

The necessity for more officers, the report states, is due to the unavoidable detachment of officers from their regular service with troops. Their detachment for recruiting duty, for duty as instructors in the army and at State institutions, as well as with the militia of the several States and Territories, has occupied the time of a large number of officers. At present there are on detached duty 631 officers, and 157 additional absent on leave or on account of sickness.

To provide for the 612 additional officers the Secretary states there will be added an annual cost of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

The report shows that the army is now only 9,231 enlisted men short of the authorized strength, due to great improvement in recruiting. During the past year there has been an increase in the actual strength of the army of 19,168, making the present strength 411,6 officers and 68,512 enlisted men, a total of 72,628. Of this number 53,102 are serving in the United States, 12,101 in the Philippines, 4,905 in Cuba, 1,102 in Alaska, 611 in Porto Rico, 256 in Hawaii, with 551 troops en route and officers at other foreign stations.

Decrease in Desertions.

The number of desertions from the army fell off to 4.6 per cent of the whole number of enlisted men in the service during the fiscal year 1908, as compared with 5.6 per cent during the preceding fiscal year. The Secretary speaks with gratification upon the marked decrease in the number of desertions, not only during the past year, but during the past two years. The number of desertions was less in 1908 than during any fiscal year since 1901. He accounts for this improvement by the fact that long-term military convicts are now confined in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., instead of at military posts; more strenuous efforts are made to apprehend and punish deserters, and the method of making enlistments has been changed.

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Student to be a Preacher.

A. F. Roadhouse, of Kingston, Can., a Sophomore in the College of Arts and Science and the Bible College of Missouri, has accepted a call from the Christian church at California, Mo., to become its pastor. He left Columbia this morning.

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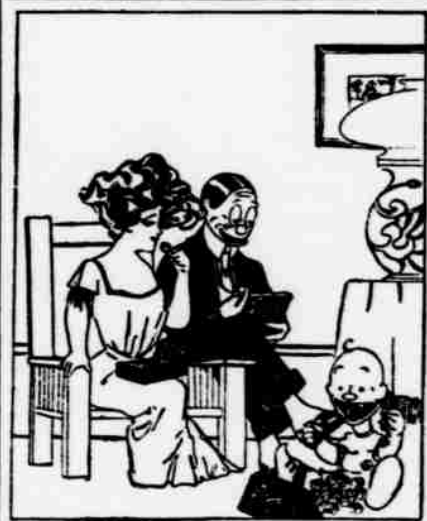
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